

The next important business to come before the last meeting was of course the resolution concerning further contributions to UNRRA,<sup>189</sup> a copy of which is attached. This resolution had been very carefully drafted by the United States, the United Kingdom and Canadian delegations. As you will see, it recommends a further contribution of 1% and provides for approval of the Director General's programmes by the Central Committee of the Council. The resolution was carried with no dissenting vote although some countries have abstained from voting. A great many delegations spoke on the resolution in explanation of the position of their respective countries but the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada were the only three which gave the meeting grounds for expecting a contribution in the full amount of 1% of their national incomes.

The United States delegate explained that the provision of funds could be made only by a vote of Congress which he could not guarantee. The United Kingdom delegate explained the financial difficulties with which his country was faced and the great effort which would be necessary to make its full contribution. In speaking on behalf of Canada, I explained that as soon as the question of contribution of 1% was brought up I asked my Government for authorisation to state that it would be willing to contribute and that I was fortunately now in a position to inform the Council that authorisation had been received. I emphasised the fact that when Parliament is asked to provide the funds, it would be important to convince Parliament that they will be equitably administered, that the receiving countries will co-operate to the full in rebuilding their economies so that no further help would be required, and that all contributing countries are bearing their fair share of the burden. In particular, I explained that the Canadian contribution could not be made unless it was clear that the United States Congress was willing to provide the United States contribution. The full text of my remarks will, of course, appear in the Journal of the conference.<sup>190</sup>

The last item of business to come before the meeting concerned the next session of the Council. Under the constitution a second session should be held in the present calendar year. The Central Committee has in effect been given discretion to postpone this session for a few months if it appears expedient to do so.

Although the proceedings of the Third Session of the Council have been very protracted, the final results appear likely to give general satisfaction and

<sup>189</sup>Voir George Woodbridge, et al., *UNRRA: The History of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration*. volume III, New York, Columbia University Press, 1950, pp. 146-7.

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